

**Parent Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
Wednesday, March 16, 2011  
6:30 p.m.  
Skyline Middle School Library**

I. Budget Update

- majority of the money is coming from the state
- the cost to educate a student in Harrisonburg is \$3,800
- All of the elementary schools are classified at Title 1 Schools

II. New Initiatives

- introduction of new electives into the middle school
  - History of Rock & Roll
  - Advanced Marketing
  - Fashion Marketing
  - Mac Music
  - Music Theory
  - Jazz Theory 2
  - Keyboarding 2
  - Early Childhood Education
- adjustments will be made to the middle school schedule
  - Math, Science, English and Social Studies will be 60 minutes a day
  - Remediation or extra time (45 minutes) will be given to those who need extra help in Math and English
  - Offer Latin
  - Addition of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish 1 Part 1 and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish 1 Part 2
  - increase in Algebra and Geometry classes within the middle schools
  - Addition of business classes and technology classes
- Will be growth of the Dual Immersion Program at Smithland
  - will be offered to K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Possible addition of reading teachers

III. Calendar Update

- Will be released when central office decides if the high school schedule will be changed
- Start/end date of school and holidays will remain the same
- when report cards are released may be the only thing changed

IV. Gala

- held next year to raise money for the Harrisonburg Educational Foundation

V. Questions/Concerns

- What will the price of the Summer Enrichment Program be?
- Concerns on the Drop off/pick up car loop at the elementary schools

**\*\*Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 6:30 p.m., Smithland Elementary School library.**